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FOR: SAMPLE TARGET HAVING SAMPLE SUPPORT SURFACE WHOSE FACE IS  
TREATED, PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF, AND MASS SPECTROMETER  
USING THE SAMPLE TARGET

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**RESPONSE**

This is in response to the Office Action, dated January 12, 2011, relating to the above-identified patent application.